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COUNTY UPDATES BURNED STRUCTURE COUNT

Richland, WA — Benton County Emergency Management personnel report that seventy-three structures have been burned. Twenty were residential structures and fifty-three were outbuildings.

Tri City hospitals report treating a total of fifteen people since the fire began Tuesday. Thirteen were treated and released for smoke inhalation. One firefighter was treated for a minor leg injury. Yesterday, a Benton City resident was airlifted from Kadlec Medical Center to Harborview Trauma Center with second-degree burns. This person is currently in stable condition.

Red Cross shelters remain open for anyone needing assistance. They include Central United Protestant Church in Richland, Southridge High School in Konnewick and Housel Middle School in Prosser.